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SUBTRACTED FOR DETERMINING WHETHER DEVICE IS
DEGRADED

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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This communication is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: